Parents can move family court against sons for maintenance: LHC rules

By Wajih Ahmad Sheikh

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) says that dependent parents have the right to file maintenance suits against their children before family courts, ruling that such cases fall within the courts' jurisdiction under the Family Courts Act, 1964.

Justice Raheel Kamran issued a detailed judgment on a petition filed by one Azhar Ijaz Khawaja who had challenged the orders of a family court of Model Town-Lahore and an additional district & sessions judge, directing him to pay monthly maintenance to his mother, Riffatun Nissa.

The family court had ordered Khawaja and his other three brothers to pay Rs5,000 per month as interim maintenance to their mother by the 14th day of each month. When the payments were not made, the family court struck off their defence and decreed the suit under Section 17-A of the Family Courts Act.

The appellate court/sessions court also upheld that order, prompting the petitioner to approach the LHC.

The petitioner's counsel argued that family courts have no jurisdiction over parental maintenance claims and that Section 17-A, which provides for striking off the defence in case of non-payment, applies only to maintenance for wives and children.He contended that the lower court had acted hastily by passing a decree even before the due date for payment had expired.

Opposing the plea, the mother's counsel maintained that under Islamic law and moral obligations, sons are bound to maintain their parents if they are in need and have no independent means of income.

Justice Kamran also sought assistance from amicus curiae Advocate Muhammad Saad Khan, who opined that the Family Courts Act's term "maintenance" is broad enough to include claims by parents.

The judge, after examining the law and Islamic principles, held that parents can legally file maintenance suits against their children in family courts.

Referring to paragraph 371 of D.F. Mulla's Principles of Muhammadan Law, the judge noted that Islam obligates children "in easy circumstances" to maintain their poor parents.

However, the judge clarified that Section 17-A applies exclusively to maintenance cases filed by wives or children. Thus, its penal consequences — including the striking off of defence for non-payment — cannot be applied in suits filed by parents against their sons.

Justice Kamran maintained that family courts can still grant interim maintenance orders for parents under their general powers to prevent destitution.

Dengue cases persist in twin cities despite drop in temperature

By Aamir Yasin & Ikram Junaidi

RAWALPINDI: Despite the minimum temperature dropping to 11 degrees Celsius in Rawalpindi, there has been no let-up in dengue cases, with 20 more patients reported in the garrison city on Tuesday.

So far, 1,342 people have contracted the dengue virus in the Rawalpindi district this season, while one person has died due to the infection.

As many as 110 patients were admitted to the three government hospitals, and 20 of them tested positive for dengue. A total of 70 dengue patients are currently under treatment, including 42 at Holy Family Hospital (HFH), 10 at Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH), and the remaining in private hospitals.

A District Health Authority (DHA) official told *Dawn* that the number of dengue patients was decreasing daily and that the virus was expected to subside by December. "The effect of the cold weather will be seen next week," he added.

He said the number of daily dengue cases had dropped to 20 and was expected to decrease further in the coming days. The health authority, he said, was working under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Dr Hassan Waqar Cheema "day and night" to clear the city and cantonment areas of the virus.

He said the district administration had declared Chak Jalaldin and Kotha Kalan union councils as sensitive. However, most patients were reported from Gulistan Colony, Morgah, Airport Housing Society, and New Afzal Town near Gulraiz.

Deputy Commissioner Dr Hassan Waqar Cheema said the number of dengue patients in Rawalpindi was gradually declining. "Anti-dengue activity will continue uninterrupted so that dengue can be completely controlled in the coming year," he said.

He directed that dengue-affected union councils be cleaned thoroughly, one by one, and instructed all district health officers to submit case response reports daily.

27 new cases in Islamabad

As many as 27 dengue cases were reported in the federal capital in a single day, according to the District Health Office (DHO).

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